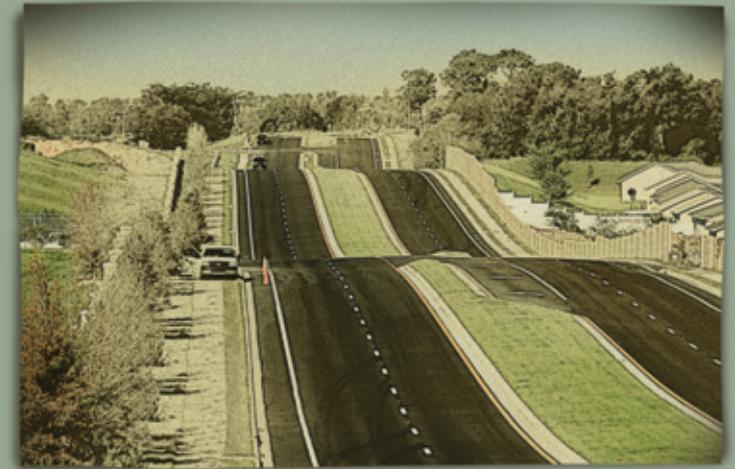


Designing modern classics

Completed road construction project, South Clermont Connector



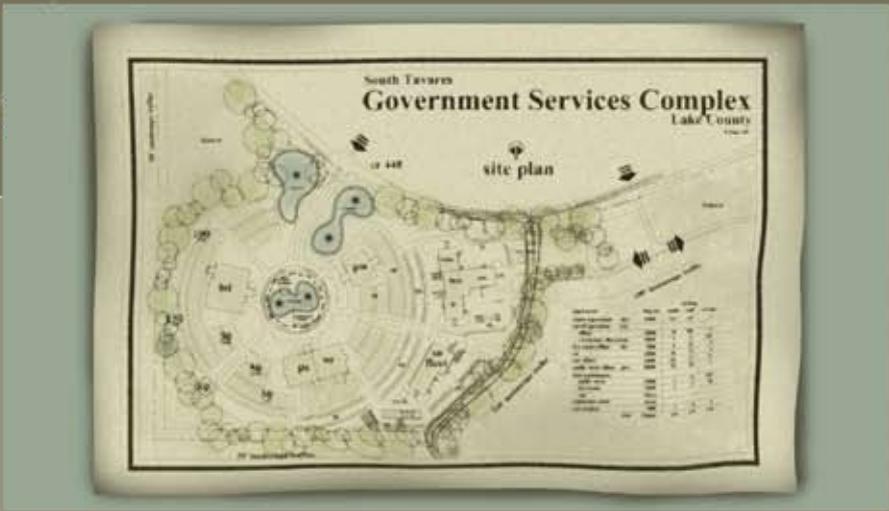
Trendsetters in the making

Construction of additional government facilities in the County seat edged closer to a reality when \$87.5 million in capital-improvement bonds went on sale and quickly sold out in April. Backed by sales tax revenues, these bonds will support the construction of a Judicial Center expansion, a two-story office building for the Tax Collector and Property Appraiser, a downtown Tavares parking garage and improvements to the County jail. An additional \$36 million in general obligation bonds for the 2004 voter-approved public lands referendum were also sold this past fiscal year. To date, seven properties totaling 1,231 acres have been purchased.

Spirited creations

The Department of Public Works completed several road construction projects in 2007, such as repaving County Road 48 from U.S. Highway 27 to State Road 19; new construction of Hooks Street Phase II from Citrus Tower Boulevard to East Ridge High School; and an extension of Citrus Tower Boulevard from the newly constructed Hooks Street extension to State Road 50. The most significant achievement for the Department has been finishing the \$13.1 million South Clermont Connector. The 2.5-mile, four-lane road provides a commuter link between Lakeshore Drive and Citrus Tower Boulevard.

“Lake County’s track record of solid management has resulted in favorable bond ratings,” said David Hansen. “This translates to better value for our customers, the residents of Lake County.”



Rendering of the new fire station in the Lake Jem Community

Rendering of proposed Government Services Complex in Tavares



Applying a new coat

The Department of Facilities Development & Management was busy in 2007 as construction progressed on three major projects. The future 30,000-square-foot Cagan Crossings Community Library will replace the leased storefront in the Four Corners community in January 2008. The library will feature a large children's area, separate teen area, training lab and a 150-seat community room.

The construction project on the previously closed health facility in Umatilla includes a complete overhaul of the existing 4,600-square-foot structure and will add 11,000 square feet of space. When completed in 2008, the facility will enable the Lake County Health Department to offer clinical services to the surrounding community. A new fire station in the Lake Jem community will feature two bays, living quarters, dormitories, kitchen facilities and office space. The fire station will house full-time firefighters and is designed for co-location of the Lake County Sheriff's Office and Lake-Sumter EMS.

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Rendering of proposed two-story office building for the Tax Collector's Office and the Property Appraiser's Office